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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(c), AND EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF THE CITED PRIOR ART

Sir:

The undersigned hereby requests that the prior art cited on the attached prior art statement be placed of record in the application file and considered by the examiner.

This citation of prior art is made under 37 CFR 1.97(c), since it is being filed before the mailing date of a final office action and is being accompanied by the fee of \$180 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

The relevance of the prior art cited on the attached form 1449 is as follows:

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According to the teachings of this patent, a fuel injection nozzle has an outer body

member and an inner body member, the inner body member being positioned in a secondary

axially extending cavity in the outer body member for sliding movement within. Also included

is a valve needle positioned in a primary axially extending cavity in the inner body member for

sliding movement within. The inner body member acts as a first fluid pressure actuated valve

needle for injecting fluid between the inner member and the outer member when the inner

member is displaced axially by fluid pressure. The valve needle acts as a second fluid pressure

actuated valve member for injecting fluid through an extension of the second axially extending

cavity when the valve needle is displaced axially by other fluid pressure. First fluid orifices

extend through an end of the outer member for spraying fuel released by displacement of the

inner body member. Second fluid orifices extend through an end of the inner member for

spraying fuel released by displacement of the valve needle.

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This patent teaches a dual mode fuel injector having first (15) and second (30) valve

members. The valve members are actuatable independently of one another and are arranged to

open in opposite directions. The valve members control the flow through first (18) and second

(29) orifices, one of which injects the fuel at a narrow angle with respect to the injector axis, and

the other of which injects the fuel at a wider angle with respect to this axis.

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This patent teaches a system in which a fuel injector comprises a nozzle body (10)

defining a bore (11) and an outwardly opening valve member (12) that is slidable within the bore

(11). The valve member (12) defines a blind bore (17) within which an inwardly opening valve

needle (18) is slidable. The valve needle (18) is engageable with a seating (20) to control fuel

flow towards a first outlet opening (21) provided in the valve member (12). A second outlet

opening (22) is provided in the valve member (12) being in constant communication with a part

of the blind bore (17) upstream of the seating (20). It is located such that, in a closed position of

the valve member (12), the second outlet opening (22) is closed by the nozzle body (10).

Outward movement of the valve member (12) to an open position permits fuel delivery through

the second outlet opening (22).

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Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

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